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E.O. 12065: GDS 7/22/86 (MONJO, JOHN C.) OR-M
TAGS: PINT, KS
SUBJECT: POLICE VISITS TO ICA KWANGJU CENTER

1. ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ICA KWANGJU CULTURAL CENTER WAS VISITED MORNING OF
JULY 21 BY KOREAN POLICE LIEUTENANT (MEMBER OF THE UNIFIED
INVESTIGATIVE UNIT, COMPOSED OF MILITARY AND POLICE) SEEK-
ING INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH POLICE INVESTIGATION OF
[AT KWANGJU CHONNAM NATIONAL
UNIVERSITY, DETAINED IN AFTERMATH OF RECENT KWANGJU INCI-
DENTS.

3. POLICE OFFICER EXPLAINED THAT, IN COURSE OF INVESTIGA-
TION, [FOUND TO HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION XEROX
COPIES OF ARTICLES FROM U.S. PUBLICATIONS OF LAST NOVEMBER
REPORTING ON ASSASSINATION OF PARK CHUNG HEE. [
WAS SAID TO HAVE STATED HE OBTAINED THE ARTICLES FROM ICA
LIBRARY.

4. OFFICER ASKED ICA KOREAN LIBRARIAN IF [

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IN FACT OBTAINED ARTICLES FROM ICA. LIBRARIAN REPLIED
THAT HE COULD NOT BE CERTAIN (PARTICULARLY SINCE THE
OFFICER DID NOT HAVE THE ARTICLES TO SHOW HIM), BUT
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NORMAL LIBRARY SERVICES INCLUDED MAKING
COPIES OF ARTICLES FROM U.S. PUBLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARS AND
RESEARCHERS. OFFICER THEN ASKED LIBRARIAN (FIRST) AND THEN
BPAD TO SIGN A STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT ON FORM WHICH HE
SUPPLIED. BPAD REPLIED SHE COULD NOT SIGN STATEMENT WITH-
OUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM SEOUL. SHE AGREED TO CONTACT POLICE-

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MAN ON RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS, WHEREUPON OFFICER DEPARTED.
5. AFTER BPAO LEFT CENTER AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS, SAME
LIEUTENANT RETURNED TO LIBRARY (WHICH REMAINS OPEN LATER
THAN OFFICES) AND TOLD ICA LIBRARIAN THAT HE (LIEUTENANT)
WOULD TELEPHONE OR VISIT HIM AT HOME LATER IN THE EVENING
FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER. WHEN LIBRARIAN RE-
TURNED HOME AT 2100 HOURS, HIS WIFE TOLD HIM THAT POLICE
LIEUTENANT HAD PHONED RESIDENCE TWICE AND VISITED ONCE.
THERE WERE NO FURTHER DISTURBANCES THAT NIGHT AND LIBRARIAN
REPORTED FOR WORK AS USUAL FOLLOWING MORNING (JULY 22). A
POLICE SERGEANT VISITED CENTER AT 1630 HOURS JULY 22, MAK-
ING THE SAME REQUEST OF THE LIBRARIAN, WHO AGAIN REFUSED.

6. EMBASSY PLANS TO PROTEST THIS INCIDENT WITH MOFA. [

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7. COMMENT: THIS INCIDENT FOLLOWS BY ONE MONTH INTRUSION
OF ARMED SOLDIERS INTO KWANGJU LIBRARY JUNE 23 (SEOUL
8268-C, 8080-C, 8256-C). SINCE IMPROPRIETIES HAVE OCCURRED
ONLY IN KWANGJU AND, IN PREVIOUS INSTANCE, WERE FOLLOWED
BY PROFUSE APOLOGIES (AFTER EMBASSY PROTEST), WE ARE IN-
CLINED FOR THE MOMENT TO ATTRIBUTE THEM TO OVERZEALOUS
INVESTIGATORS UNFAMILIAR WITH SPECIAL STATUS OF FOREIGN

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CULTURAL CENTERS, RATHER THAN TO OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED
HARASSMENT OF ICA CENTERS. WHATEVER THE MOTIVATION,
EMBASSY PLANS TO CONTINUE TO PROTEST PROMPTLY ANY OBSTRU-
TION, INTENTIONAL OR OTHERWISE, OF ICA OPERATIONS HERE.
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